

Lori's Picks



Blue Water Manor Resort

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Located on the pristine shores of Lake George, Blue Water Manor Resort offers everything one could ask for in a vacation destination.

Blue Water Manor Resort has a rustic ambiance, but offers the many comforts that those family camping trips never did. The accommodations range from motel rooms, Adirondack cabins, Lake George cottages, and an Adirondack manor house. My companion and I opted for a motel room which was one-hundred-percent Adirondack from the knotty pine walls and ceiling to the simple maple Adirondack furnishings. The cable TV was the most modern item in our room, allowing us to truly soak in the natural surroundings. We loved the deck off our room with its incomparable view of the lake and mountains, and relished in the tranquility of our surroundings.

One of the nicest offerings at the Blue Water Manor is their American modified meal plan, which is optional. With it, guests are given a continental breakfast including bagels with cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice and Starbucks coffee. Dinner is also included and served in the Adirondack room as well. The choices sound amazing. Each evening guests are given three to four options, with one always being the fish of the day. Offerings include roast beef au jus, chicken marsala, roast leg of lamb, penne ala vodka, linguine primavera, and chicken parmesan to name a few. There is also a kids' menu featuring favorites like chicken fingers and hamburgers. Chef Jason Pratt was the former chef at The Sagamore and his meals are first-rate all the way. Guests

are not just being fed with this package deal; they are dining on fine cuisine.

Everything you could possibly want to do on vacation is right at your fingertips. A day of fun in the sun is easy with tubing, banana boating, sail boating, canoeing, paddle boating, and fishing trips all being offered on premises for Blue Water Manor guests. There are also a couple of incredible playgrounds, tennis court, indoor pool, badminton, volleyball, basketball, shuffleboard, ping pong, and billiards. There is WIFI in the lounge area for those who need to keep in touch with the outside world.

For dinner we decided to try The Stone Manor Restaurant which is right on-site. The Stone Manor has a well deserved reputation for serving fabulous cuisine, and the ambiance is quite impressive. Stone walls (with one entire wall housing a massive stone fireplace that was replicated after Hermit's Rest in the Grand Canyon)—a vaulted wood beamed ceiling, iron lights, and a complete coat of arms are all part of this fascinating room. The lively bar area is open and part of the dining room. The Stone Manor also highlights dining al fresco, with the glory of Lake George and the Adirondacks front and center. Live music is playing all summer long on the outside deck earlier in the day, and inside from 6:00 pm on. This particular splendid summer evening my companion and I decided al fresco for us. We began our dining experience with two intriguing appetizers. One was called ship ahoy and the other fire crackers. The ship ahoy—spice crusted sliced ahi tuna with sweet pineapple relish, seaweed salad,

and a soy ginger glaze—was exceptional. The tuna was fresh and flavorful and the pineapple relish was an inspired accompaniment. The fire crackers— andouille sausage, sweet shrimp, and dirty rice wrapped as egg rolls and served with Creole mustard and sweet chili dipping sauce—were tangy, sweet, and out-of-this-world. Both appetizers were standouts. For entrees, I ordered the Madame Butterfly and my companion opted for the go for the gusto. My farfalle pasta tossed with shrimp, asparagus, artichokes, and fresh vine ripe tomatoes in a parmesan cream sauce was an inspired symphony of flavors. Everything about my meal was executed to perfection. My companion's go for the gusto was two four ounce grilled filet medallions cooked to your desire with a crabmeat butter sauce. The filets were succulent, delicious and cooked to perfection. The crabmeat butter sauce was decadence at its very best!

We shared a piece of chocolate truffle for dessert. A chocolate lovers dream come true, it was, in a word, ecstasy. Our decaffeinated Starbucks coffee was sipped leisurely as we watched the parade of boats return to dock for the evening.

During our stay at the Blue Water Manor Resort, they were preparing for a wedding the following day. With all the natural beauty that abounds and the remarkable cuisine, this is a fantastic location to create lasting memories.

The Blue Water Manor Resort is an ideal spot for a vacation, night out, or function of any kind. This Adirondack retreat is just beckoning you to come and enjoy!